## Nichmond Dispatch.

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debt all the time.

report was then adopted.

TAXABLE REAL ESTATE.

Mr. Straus also presented the report of the

ommissioners appointed to revalue the taxa-

ble real estate of the city. [This report was

published in the Dispatch several days

ago .- REPORTER.] Mr. Newberry said that

it appeared that a gross gain of about one-

third on the reassessment was in Clay Ward.

He thought that this report showed an im-

mediate return for all appropriations in Clay

and Marshali wards, and he hoped these ap-

WATER-WORKS.

Mr. Bargamin, from the Watering Com-

mittee, submitted the annual report of the

Superintendent of the Water-Works, giving

a resume of the operations of the Works

for the year, including the expenses and re-

Fxcess of disbursements.......\$121,656 58

The remainder of the report was pub-

lished in the Dispatch on the 1st of January.

The report was received and adopted.

FIRE.

Mr. Bargamin, from the Committee on the

Fire Department, reported that permission

had been granted to the following persons to

rect wooden buildings: J. A. Lynbam, sta-

ole on Fifth street between Leigh and Clay

Benjamin Jackson, house on Seventh street

between Jackson and Duval; Joseph T.

Jobson, carpenter shop on Dock street be-

low Twenty-eighth; H. M. Tyler, addition

to house on Thirtieth street between Main

THE OLD CITY HALL.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Public

Grounds and Buildings, submitted the fol-

Your Committee on Public Grounds and

Buildings beg leave to report: On the 5th

day of February, 1874, the grand jury of

the Hustings Court condemned the City

Hall as unsafe for the uses of the courts and

Your committee begs leave to recommend

that the old City Hall be pulled down and a

granite building be erected upon the old

site sufficient for the use of the courts and

offices of the city; and, if necessary, so much

said site as may be needed for the erection

In consideration of the large expenditure

o be made in the extension of the water

pipes and new reservoir, which will have to

be paid for by the selling of city bonds,

thirty-four years to run, and the said bonds

have to be sold principally in our own State,

&c., we recommend that to raise the necessary

special tax of one-fifth of one per cent. b

laid on the taxable property of the city, to

immediate accommodation of the courts and

offices held in the old City Hall at the time of

its condemnation, we recommend that a suit

lege of two additional years, and one-story

buildings be creeted thereon for the use of

or any cheaper or better arrangement, as the

The committee also presented the foliow-

Resolved, That the Committee on Public

Grounds and Buildings be instructed to

lease a lot of ground for the term of three

years with the privilege of five years on

Council Chamber Hill (or some other loca-

at the time of its condemnation, at a cost of

\$7,000; and have a fire-proof room erected

the records of the city, or make any other

arrangement for said offices and courts as

may seem to them best for the interest of

Resolved, furtler, That the Committee

on Public Grounds and Buildings be in-

structed to advertise for plans and specifica-

tions for a new City Hall, to be paid for as

follows: For plans and specifications ac-

cepted by the Council, \$800; second choice,

\$400; third choice, \$200; fourth choice,

Mr. Straus said he hoped that that part of

one-fith of one per cent, would be referred

to the Finance Committee, and accordingly

moved that it be so referred. The motion

Mr. Davis said that he believed

would cost from three to four hundred thou-

Mr. Straus said that it was a very serious

matter; that the officers in the City Hall

The clerk then read the resolution rela-

Mr. Straus said that since he had been

in the room he had received a letter, in

ing to the city sufficiently large to accom-

Mr. Davis then read a plan which he had

prepared for a new building to be tempora-

over \$7,000, less the expense of fitting up,

which he said would have to be done any-

where. He had been to the capitol and cus-

tom-house, but could not at either place se-

cure a room which would contain the re-

cords-fire-proof, as required by law. When

the city had completed a new hall the furni-

ture and fixtures, which could be sold, for

the temporary structure would nearly half

pay the cost of the building. By the adop-

tion of his plan he believed \$15,000 could

Mr. Whitlock gained the floor and said

that the matter had been sprung upon the

Council in the last few days. He therefore

referring the whole subject to a joint com-

mittee to be composed of the Committee on

Mr. Davis said that he thought immediate

to recommend to any officer to remain in

Mr. Whitlock : I do not desire any delay.

tive to leasing a building for the officers.

and dollars to build a granite building.

ought to be provided for first.

committee may deem best.

the city.

was agreed to.

be saved.

amount for the erection of the City Hall

The report was then received and ordered

propriations would be continued.

Current expenses \$25,100 00 Construction 18,000 00 Enlarging Works 139,300 70

Received for water-rent, \$58,137 45 Received for stone sold., 2.606 67

Received for stone sold ..

o be placed on record.

ceipts, &c. :

and Franklin.

owing report:

of the new hall.

The report was adopted.

offices held in said hall.

### LOCAL MATTERS. THE CITY COUNCIL.

require semi-monthly meeting of the ned was held yesterday afternoon areil chamber, on Broad street-Thomas H. Wynne in the chair. wing councilmen were present at Bargamin, Bossieux, Cottrell, Daish of Marshall Ward, English of Ward, Forrester, Hall, Hagan, ip-comb, Manly, Metzger, Newber-, Scott, Straus, Talbott, Todd,

#### Whitlock. STREETS GENERALLY.

Newberry, from the Committee on Generally, reported recommending evenuent of Leigh street, comthe corporation line and running by to a point where the street is and curbed, and to make it a street between the points is now forty feet, so as it without the condemnation of Mr. N. F. Bowe giving the city ect of ground, or a sufficient land to make it a forty-sevenfrom Bowe street to the corporain the line of the continuation of +1; and that the former proposi-T. B. Bigger be accepted at uthicient land through his property Leigh street forty-seven feet wide. ted cost of grading, \$2,801.52; cost of mation, \$250. Total, \$3,051.52. numittee also recommend that a gutwed on the east side of Adams from o cary street, and that curbing be

ers for a bridge over the basin at Ninth That some action be taken by the Council towards a revision of the ordinance in re-

That the Committee on Ordinances bring ordinance requiring all improvements to alleys to be paid for by the property-That the sidewalk on Ninth street from

he east side of Adams street from

is inexpedient to take action rela-

petition of Henry Hudnall and

Cary street. Estimated cost, \$310.

the Free bridge to Byrd street be restored, and that the street be improved to make it possible. Estimated cost, \$198. That the ordinance in regard to connecthen with sewers be so amended that parties living beyond the terminus of a city sewer upon the same street be not required to form

ction with the sewer. That the Council renew the application to the General Assembly to authorize the surver of the streets two miles beyond the city That the petition of Mr. Ainslie to build

neross the alicy on Tenth street be granted. The report was adopted. FINANCE.

Mr. Straus, from the Committee on Fiarce, submitted a report recommending as

ensideration of certain petitions, , teterred to them, your Committee on immee beg leave to recommend as fol-

the petition of W. K. Martin & Co. funding of culvert-tax on lot corr Franklin and Jefferson streets, \$15, and until a sufficient amount be raised, and no Sheckee Slip, \$1.19, be rejected, as longer-not exceeding six years. For the these cases the culvert connections dustary, and the parties subject to

That the petition of Adam Vonderlehr for reliabiling of \$6,60 on account of culverterror, which can be readily corrected, charging the assessment on the Mainthe petition of A. S. Crouch for re-

tax-penalty for delay in the of taxes of 1873, and for exemppayment of his culvert-tax, be re-In the matter of the culvert-tax a etition was rejected by the Com-

as asks a reduction of his li-872 be rejected; but the coman absternent of \$50, one-half his sence from the city. claim of James E. Riddick for

ent. commission on \$1,184.21 of eted on delinquent lands sold and redeemed be allowed by the That \$3 be refunded to J. J. Faudree, as

rayed in his petition, for amount impropersessed on personal property for 1872. the pelition of William G. Taylor, nt, on behalf the Board of Commis ioners of the James River Bridge Company, ur committee recommend that an approf \$2,000 be made as requested, on endition that a like amount be paid by the lown of Manchester for the liquidation of the company's present indebtedness and the

la presenting herewith the Auditor's rebills-payable account as it closed on the 1st day of February, 1874, the close of the fiscal year, the committee beg leave to remark thereon as follows: When the present committee undertook

thanagement of the city finances last oring there was much in the monetary conon of the city to occasion grave concern. There had been no sale of our bonds for a rable period, our treasury was almost depleted, and there was, according to the report of his Honor the Mayor, a bills-payable | which the writer proposed to rent a buildcount of \$235,752, with a balance of approadions still to be met amounting to about | modate all the officers now in the City Hall

This exhibit was anything but promising, and, as is well known, six months had apsed when a financial panic pros- rily used, which he claimed would cost not trated the business of the country and rendered money negotiations almost impossible. We are gratified, however, to state that no serious impediment in any public enterprise resulted, and, all things considered, the exbibit for 1874 is a manifest improvement on

The report of the Auditor now before us represents the bills-payable account on the 1st of February, 1874, at \$89,253.74, while there was in bank the same day to the credit of the city \$68,670.84. It is proper to say, however, that while we have so near an approximation to the sum needed for the discharge of this particular form of indebted-Less we are, as usual, without the means of investing current expenses until the 1st of adopt a resolution which he had prepared Eighteenth and Twenty-seventh since run-

finances, and some means should be devised Finance and Public Grounds and Buildings; to get so far the mastery of our floating debt | the committee to report as soon as practithat the city should not be compelled to anticipate her revenue to discharge ordinary ex-When this is done, except in the action should be taken. He would not care vent of extravagant appropriations by the Council, the labors of the Finance Committhat building when a grand jury of twelve he will not be difficult. Of the appropria- citizens had declared the Hall unsafe. lions, the most excessive has been that for direct. If the Council should resolve to re I want the joint committee to report to a ness of two weeks. He was born in Fau-

# DAILY DISPARCI

RICHMOND, VA., TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 10, 1874.

VOL. XLVI. penditures of the Committee on Finance. | that on the table for a month, but he did ! He thought that the language "most want the Council to instruct him to-night as ought not to be used. It to providing quarters for the officers of the not a fact. The Gas-Works city. The judge of the Hustings Court was received \$165,000, and surely anxious that he (Mr. Davis) should at once that was a greater appropriation, and the provide a place where he could hold his court and for the dispatch of business. excessive amount ought to be applied to

Mr. Starke thought that the plan of Mr. that committee. He believed it had been ex-Davis ought to be jumped at, and he therepended properly, and meant no reflection, fore hoped that Mr. Whitlock's resolution but it was not a fact that the Committee on would be defeated. Streets had had the largest appropriation. The Finance Committee was then stricken He wanted the offensive words stricken out. Mr. Straus said he did not wish the Councii to be misinformed; but if some other plan was not adopted it would keep the city in

out from the resolution by consent of Mr. Whitlock, and the resolution amended by him so as to require the Committee on Buildings to report on Thursday afternoon at an The Council refused to strike out, and the adjourned meeting.

Mr. Talbott thought that temporary quarters ought to be provided for the officers, but that he was not ready to vote on the question of a new City Hall. Mr. Starke presented the following as a

substitute for all the propositions: Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be instructed to at ouce proceed to erect temporary buildings for the use of the city officers, the cost not

to exceed \$7.000. The substitute was then adopted, and the report of the committee referred to the joint Committee on Finance and Public Grounds and Buildings.

Mr. Davis then presented the following; which was adopted:
Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be instructed to secure a room in which the judge of the Hustings Court can hold his court for two months, the time required to erect the temporary building for the use of the court and other officers. Mr. Jones inquired what was to become of

the other officers. Mr. Davis said that Judge Guigon was the only one of the officers who had applied to him for quarters.

ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING. Mr. Bossieux, from the Committee on Accounts and Printing, presented bills for printing and advertising, amounting to \$90.73; which were ordered to be paid.

HEALTH. Mr. Scott, of Jefferson Ward, from the Committee on Health, submitted a report enclosing the annual report of the committee. The expenses have been much larger than usual, owing to the fact that the public vaccinator received \$900 and the President of the Board of Health \$500, making an aggregate of \$1,400-more than was contemplated in the annual appropriation. The committee express their appreciation of the services of Captain C. P. Bigger, superintendent of the almshouse and ex officio superintendent of the city hospital, who has been untiring in his zeal in the discharge of his duties, especially when it is remembered that for this extra service no compensation is allowed. The committee say that no case of contagious disease has occurred within the city since July last.

The report was received.

CEMETERIES. Mr. Lipscomb, from the Committee on Cemeteries, submitted the annual report of the keeper of Oakwood Cemetery, showing an increase in receipts of \$600 over last year. land be condemned on the western line of The report was received.

IMPROVEMENT OF JAMES RIVER. The report shows that the from God. accounts audited in January amounted to \$1.638.33; that 7,000 yards of dredging was | Association, then made a report of his labors done around Drewry's island and 354 yards at Venable Street chape'.

of gravel, &c., taken from the Rocketts reef. The report was adopted.

THE NEW RESERVOIR. Mr. Bargamin, from the joint Committee on Water and Public Grounds and Buildings, reported that the committee had selected as a site for the reservoir sixty acres of land west from the city about half a mile, belonging to the Omehundro estate, and that the committee had agreed to pay the sum of \$350 per acre for said land. Mr. Talbott inquired the necessity for

buying the sixty acres. Mr. Bargamin replied that it could be bought at a much less figure than a smaller number of acres, as the owner demanded a higher price, and was not willing to divide the property and sell thirty acres for \$350

The report was then adopted.

The Chair laid before the Council the re ports of the Auditor and Treasurer and the verdict of the jury in the case of the City Hall; all of which were referred. By Mr. Whitlock: A resolution referring so much of the report of the Committee on

Streets as relates to alleys and signs to the Committee on Ordinances. Agreed to. On motion of Mr. Straus, it was ordered adjoining the same for the safe-keeping of that when the Council adjourn it adjourn to meet on Thursday evening at 5 o'clock to consider the reports of special committees. By Mr. Scott, of Jefferson Ward: A com-

munication from the city coroner asking for a stretcher, &c., and an appropriation to pay rent of City Morgue. By the same: A resolution instructing the Committee on Grounds and Buildings to

place at the disposal of the judge of the Hustings Court the Old Market Hall. Mr. Hall moved as a substitute that the Council Chamber be tendered to the judge. Mr. Starke thought the idea horrible to

the report in relation to the special tax of give this hall for such a purpose. Mr. Hall's amendment was rejected and the original resolution adopted. By Mr. Starke: A resolution requesting the city's representatives in the General

Assembly to endeavor to secure the removal of the State penitentiary. Adopted. By the same: A resolution appropriating \$2,000 for the use of the Richmond Relief Committee in assisting the poor of the city. Colonel John B. Cary and Dr. W. W.

Parker (by consent of the Council) addressed the body urging an appropriation. Mr. Straus opposed the appropriation, and said that all applicants for aid would be relieved. Last month the Committee of the Council for the Relief of the Poor expended \$4,000 for that purpose, and all who are

Dr. Parker said that the appropriations for the relief of the poor here for the past few years had been less than any other city. Mr. English of Marshall Ward moved to refer the matter to the Council Committee on

worthy and who apply will be sided.

the Poor. Agreed to. By Mr. Scott of Jefferson Ward: A resolution appropriating \$200 for the expenses connected with the City Morgue. Adopted. By Mr. Newberry: A resolution requesting the Committee on Water to commence work on the reservoir at once, and that the City Engineer be directed to afford the Committee on Water all the aid from his office in making plans and executing the work that they may require. Adopted.

By Mr. English of Marshall Ward: Petition of Timothy Kerse and others asking moved to lay the report on the table and for the repairing of Main street, between ning the culvert, the same being in an impassable condition, and remaining so to the very great detriment of the tax-payers.

The usual number of petitions, &c., were presented and appropriately referred; after which the Council, at 8:35, on motion of Mr. Bargamin, adjourned.

MR. NORWOOD B. RANDOLPH, a young man well known and highly esteemed in this city, died at his residence yesterday, after an illhind hand, and constantly under the necessity of bearing for several months in every year the expense of borrowing large sums for current needs.

Mr. Starke moved to strike out the last portion of the report in relation to the expense of the report in relation to the expense of the last point committee on Finance. He thought that the Committee on The excadets of the Institute and the members of Company C, First Virginia regiment (of which Mr. Randolph was a lieutenant), will meet at the City Hall at 3½ o'clock the remains, but after learning the circumstance of the James River improvement. The excadets of the Institute and the members of Company C, First Virginia regiment (of which Mr. Randolph was a lieutenant), will meet at the City Hall at 3½ o'clock the remains, but after learning the circumstance of the James River improvement. The excadets of the Institute and the members of Company C, First Virginia regiment (of which Mr. Randolph was a lieutenant), will meet at the City Hall at 3½ o'clock the remains, but after learning the circumstance. He thought that the Committee on The excadets of the Institute and the members of Company C, First Virginia regiment (of which Mr. Randolph was a lieutenant), will meet at the City Hall at 3½ o'clock the remains, but after learning the circumstance. He thought that the Committee on The excadets of the Institute and the members of Company C, First Virginia regiment (of which Mr. Randolph was a lieutenant), will meet at the City Hall at 3½ o'clock the remains, but after learning the circumstance.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—This Association, composed of delegates from the Baptist Sun-day schools of Richmond and Manchester, convened at the First Baptist church last night in its annual meeting, the chair being occupied by J. B. Winston, Esq., president of the Association.

A large number of officers and teachers were present, and the exercises of deep in-The meeting was opened with singing,

reading of the Scriptures, and prayer by Rev. Dr. N. W. Wilson. Next followed the reading of the monthly reports, which presented the following summary:

 
 Schools
 O. and T. Scholars.

 First Church
 60
 432

 Second Church
 33
 297

 Grace-Street Church
 26
 532

 Pine-Street Church
 25
 235

 Leigh-Street Church
 54
 377

 Manchester
 16
 173

 Sidney
 No report.

 Fulton
 15
 69

 Valey Mission
 16
 132
 Total average..... 275 2.247

Second Church school reports four bapisms; Grace-Street, one death-a teacher. In connection with his report, L. H. Frayser. Esq., of the Venable-Street mission gave a detailed account of that interesting and successful mission, which seemed to be highly satisfactory to the Association.

The president of the Association-James B. Winston, Esq.,-then presented his annual report, which exhibits the gratifying fact that at no period in the past history of the Association has it been in so flourishing condition, or the schools connected with i o prosperous as during the past year.

Alluding to the statistics presented by the ecretary, the report comments upon the following points of interest;
1. That the increase in roll-strength of th

chools over 1872 was twenty-one per cent. 2. That the increase in average attendance over 1872 was fourteen per cent. 3. That the increase of church members in the schools over 1872 was four per cent.

4. That the increase of conversions was forty-five per cent. The report suggests that hereafter the

contributions of the schools be included in the monthly reports to the Association. The meetings of the Association during the past year have been largely attended and very enthusiastic.

The report sketches the history of the Venable-street enterprise, which has resulted in the completion of the chapel, the employment of Rev. George F. Williams as mis sionary, the increase of the Sunday school during the year (under the efficient manage ment of L. H. Frayser, Esq., and W. H. Wil liams, E-q.,) from forty-four to one hundred and eighty, and the gathering of a congre gation of a growing interest which bids fair to culminate soon in an efficient church. The report also mentions the recent or-

ganization of a mission Sunday school near The report gives a gratifying exhibit o the financial condition of the Association,

makes sundry suggestions as to raising a larger amount during the current year, and closes as follows: "Allow me to express the hope that cheered by past successes and inspired by

the prospect before us, we shall enter upon the new year with higher aims and nobler Mr. Starke submitted the usual monthly resolves, determined to attempt greater report of the engineer of the Improvement | things for God, and to expect greater things Rev. George F. Williams, missionary of the

During his three months' labor he had

preached twenty-eight sermons, paid one hundred and ninety-eight visits for religious conversation and prayer, conducted thirteen prayer-meetings, baptized two, and received others for the ordinance.

There had been eleven professions of conversion in connection with his labors, his congregations were steadily increasing, and the field decidedly promising. O. D. Browne, Esq., secretary, read his

annual report, showing that the aggregate average attendance for list year was 2,127. being an increase of 256 over the average for 1872. The roll-strength of the schools on the 1st of January, 1873, was 2,474, and on the 1st of January, 1874, 2,998, being an increase of 524. During the past year there had been 265 professions of conversion. The largest attendance any day during the year had been January 11, 1874, when there had been present 2,643. After an interesting discussion, partici

pated in by J. B. Watkins, Professor C. H. Winston, S. S. Carter, P. W. Grubbs, Rev. J. William Jones, C. J. Walthall, A. P. Fox, George B. Steel, J. B. Winston, T. J Evans, and Rev. Dr. N. W. Wilson, the Association adopted an amendment to the Constitution providing for the enrolment of life members on the payment of \$30 in five instalments, and of annual members on the payment of \$1 each.

There were enrolled on the spot 36 life and 36 annual members, and arrangements were made to thoroughly canvass all of the churches for additional members.

A mass-meeting in the interests of the As sociation was appointed to be held at the First Baptist church next Sunday night, and all of the Baptist churches of the city were

requested to cooperate in the meeting. The officers of last year-James B. Winston, president; J. B. Watkins, vice-president; S. S. Carter, treasurer; and Otway D. Browne, secretary--were unanimously

rcelected. Mr. Winston gracefully returned thank for the honor conferred, and made an earnest appeal for the sympathy and active coopera-

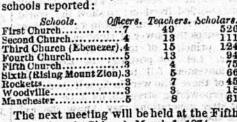
tion of all in the great work. At 10 o'clock the Association adjourned all feeling that it had been a most pleasant and important one.

The Executive Committee of the Association for the next year consists of the following members: The officers of the Association ex officio, Josiah Ryland, George B. Steel, T. H. Ellett, A. J. Lochler, W. J.

W. M. Martin, and L. H. Frayser. COLORED SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION .- The regular monthly meeting of the Sunday-School Union (colored) was held on Sunday at the First Baptist church. The meeting was opened by singing "Won't you volunteer?" from Happy Voices, followed by reading the exix. Psalm, and prayer by Rev. C. H.

The meeting was addressed by J. W. Patterson. He spoke earnestly to the teachers means to be employed in accomplishing the common end. Then, turning more particularly to the teachers he exhorted them to love the work and pursue with prayerful attention the required duties.

The recitations from the children showed good taste in selecting, but the voices in ome cases were too feeble. The following is the average attendance of the officers, teachers, and scholars of the



Baptist church (Sidney), March 1, 1874.

BURNED TO DEATH.—A little colored girl, aged two and a half years, named Ellen date this single appropriation to something called meeting of the Council as soon as quier county, and was in the twenty-fourth aged two and a half years, named Ellen quier county, and was in the twenty-fourth aged two and a half years, named Ellen quier county, and was in the twenty-fourth aged two and a half years, named Ellen quier county, and was in the twenty-fourth aged two and a half years, named Ellen practicable—as soon as the committee could year of his age. He graduated at the Virginia Military Institute in the class of 1870, who resides near the corner of Twenty-fourth aged two and a half years, named Ellen practicable—as soon as the committee could year of his age. He graduated at the Virginia Military Institute in the class of 1870, who resides near the corner of Twenty-fourth aged two and a half years, named Ellen practicable—as soon as the committee could year of his age. He graduated at the Virginia Military Institute in the class of 1870, who resides near the corner of Twenty-fourth aged two and a half years, named Ellen practicable—as soon as the committee could year of his age. He graduated at the Virginia Military Institute in the class of 1870, who resides near the corner of Twenty-fourth aged two and a half years, named Ellen practicable—as soon as the country in the class of 1870, who resides near the corner of Twenty-fourth aged two and a half years, named Ellen practicable—as soon as the country in the class of 1870, who resides near the corner of Twenty-fourth aged two and a half years, named Ellen practicable—as soon as the country in the class of 1870, who resides near the corner of Twenty-fourth aged two and a half years, named Ellen practicable—as soon as the country in the class of 1870, who resides near the corner of Twenty-fourth aged two and a half years, named Ellen practicable and the two and a half years, named Ellen practicable and the class of 1870, who resides near the corner of Twenty-fourth aged two and a half years, named Ellen practicable and the practicable and the means be devised we shall be constantly be joint committee" and the Committee on Fi- engineer of the James River improvement. yesterday morning. At an early hour her

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES .- At the Grace-Street Baptist church on Sunday, after preaching in the morning to a large congregation, the pastor received three for beptism and three by letter.

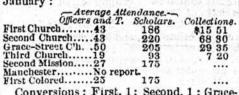
At the Pine-Street Baptist church at night the pastor baptized one person. At the Venable-Street chapel the pastor received one for baptism and there were two other inquirers during the day's service. The Sunday school of this chapel has now reached 180, and the interest in the congregation steadily increases.

At the First African church on Sunday afternoon a collection amounting to \$27 was taken for the benefit of the "Richmond Relief Committee."

ASSEMBLY HALL .- Rev. Dr. Hoge preached at Assembly Hall again last Sunday to a very large congregation upon the subject of "The Sabbath." That the public interest in his series of sermons delivered at that place has continually increased is attested by the immense crowds that greet him each successive Sab-

PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION,-The monthly meeting of the Presbyterian Sunday-School Union was held at the Grace-Street church last night-M. M. Gilham Esq., president, in the chair.

After the usual devotional exercises the secretary read the reports for the month of



Conversions: First, 1; Second, 1; Grace-Street, 5; Third, 4. One death in Grace-Street school.

The question for the evening-" How may we best prepare ourselves to teach? "-was discussed fully, Dr. Read, Messrs. Taylor, Gordon, and Sleight participating. The meeting was closed with singing, and

the benediction by Dr. Read. Question for the next meeting: "The best method of teaching,"

MEETING OF BRITISH SETTLERS .- At an adjourned meeting of the British settlers, held at the Exchange Hotel last evening, T. P. Jackson, Esq., in the chair, the minutes of the former meeting were read, and also a letter of invitation to the British banquet to Sir Edward Thornton. The greatest enthusiasm was manifested by the many influential settlers present.

Remarks showing the prevalent enthusiasm were made by Messrs. Dunlop, Balmer, Bowler, Stacy, Scott, and Dr. Lory Marsh, of London. Moved by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by

Mr. Stacy, and carried unanimously, that

twelve members be added to the Committee of Management. Amended by Mr. Woodruff, that the welve be chosen from the three counties of Chesterfield, Henrico, and Caroline.

It was moved by Mr. Balmer, and seconded by Mr. Wright, that a meeting for the election of officers of the permanent society be held this day fortnight. Carried.

SALES AT THE REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE.-The attendance at the opening sale of the Exchange yesterday was very large, and still said he could not account for the disshowed the interest felt by the community crepancy unless it might be that he in this enterprise, new to Richmond, but had misplaced some of the coupons, Tubb. \$5. n other cities has proved and proceeding to search in the safe be to be promotive of the interest and convenience of both buyers and sellers. Persons proposing to attend these sales would do a deficit. well to scan the advertisements in our columns, examine the property, or otherwise inform themselves previous to the days of age endorsed "Sinking Fund" in Coleman's sale, and thus be prepared to bid knowingly. The following sales were made:

By Grubbs & Williams: Lot on Tenth street near Leigh, 33 by 118 feet, at \$30 per foot-\$990; lot on St. James street near Duval, 34 by 119 feet, at \$8 per foot-\$272. Four farms in Caroline advertised by them to be sold under deeds of trust were not offered, satisfactory arrangements having been made with the beneficiaries.

By J. Thompson Brown: Lot on southeast corner of Leigh and St. James streets, 621 by 791 feet, at \$19.75 per foot-\$1,234.38. By W. R. Polk & Co. : Brick dwelling on north side of Grace between Seventh and Eighth streets for \$3,950.

By Lyne & Brother: 86 acres of land, five miles below the city, at \$3.50 per acre-\$301. By Richardson & Co. : Lot on Thirtieth between K and L streets, 99 by 120 feet, at \$8 per foot-\$792. By N. M. Lee: Two tenements on Ninc-

teenth street between Grace and Broad-

No. 208 at \$3,670, No. 210 at \$4,100. THE THEATRE-MISS CUSHMAN.-There was a very small audience at the Theatre last night to welcome the arrival in this city of Mr. Powell's new and excellent stock company. The house will probably be better to-The beautiful play of Ours was pre-

sented in excellent style, and fully appre-Miss Cushman will not appear to-night. She is quite sick in Baltimore. A letter received here from her yesterday announced that she hopes to be here late in the week, but a late telegram contradicted this statement, and it is now probable that her sickness may prevent her appearing here until next week. But of this we can speak ad-

visedly at another time. All will regret her

non-arrival, especially when it is known that

PROFESSOR HARTZ, THE KING OF MAGI-CIANS.-Even the wonderful Janauschek or he ever-popular Mrs. Oates failed to draw such an audience as that which gathered at Assembly Hall last night to witness the tion must follow, and I fear it may cause vonderful-aye, astounding-performancs of Professor Hartz, the king of magicians! The house was packed with many of the refined and highly-intelligent citizens of Richmond, who seemed to fully appreciate the tricks and startling performances of the justly-celebrated Professor. He is unques-Westwood, E. Morrissette, A. L. Phillips, tionably the best magician we have ever seen; and when we say this we mean every word of it. There is, too, a degree of refinement, or perhaps it is grace, about him, which renders all that he does very attractive and pleasing. . His apparatus is very simple, or apparently

so. He has no curtained tables and chairsno bewildering paraphernalia to distract the attention-but, as we have already said, uses the simplest-looking articles, and performs some of his most attractive and astonishing tricks while on the platform, which extends far up the aisle from the stage. He made two silver half-dollar pieces in a

celery-glass dance to the music of the piano, the glass being ten feet distant from him. He took a great number of tin boxes, workboxes, bandkerchiefs, bird-cages, a doll baby, and many other articles from a hat while standing part of the time on the edge of the stage and the rest on the platform in the

But it is too late to particularize, The Professor will be at Assembly Hall every night this week, and at 2 o'clock Saturday gives a grand matinée.

We may say, in conclusion, that his Indian-box trick is a marvel. In this he causes bis assistant to pass into a large box securely tied and sealed by three distinct parties from the audience as well as causing him to extricate himself from teneath a cone-shaped basket where he has been securely placed, the basket being tied to the top of the box and the ropes sealed.

None who can do so should fail to see this injure himself, Coleman. innocent and interesting performance of Professor Hariz. NOTABLES APPOINTED .- The Governor yes-

TERMS OF ADVERTISING: CASH-INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE. quare, one insertion.....

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HIS LIFE AND FAILS.

PARTICULARS OF THE CRIME.

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Considerable excitement was aroused yes-

terday evening by intimations received from

official sources that a heavy defalention bad

been discovered in the office of one of the

commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and

WILLIAM D. COLEMAN, THE SECRETARY

of that Board, his arrest had been ordered

The facts of the case are that on Thursday

last a member of the Legislature called the

attention of the Governor to the fact that

Mr. Coleman had hypothecated a State

bond at a faro-bank in the city, and

was being openly guilty of other improprie-

ties of conduct that threw suspicion upon

The Governor called at the office of the

Auditor of Public Accounts and sent for the

members of the Board, and told them he

had received information that demanded in-

Mr. Coleman was sent for, and when he

appeared the Governor told bim what was

charged against him. He denied having ap-

ADMITTED THE CHARGE OF GAMBLING AND

DRUNKENNESS,

yet said he had not indulged in drink for

more than a week. He was requested to

bring the bonds which were in his charge

as secretary of the Board for safekeeping.

He went into the Treasurer's office, and

from the safe brought in an armful of the

bonds, including some that did not belong

then made a rough court and statement of

them, which, when compared with the

books, appeared to overrun the amount they

called for. The Board dispersed at a late

hour somewhat relieved, but not without

On Friday a more careful examination was

A DISCREPANCY OF \$1,140 WORTH OF BONDS

WAS FOUND.

The Secretary said he did not understand

it, and asked that one of the packages con-

taining the \$1,000 bond be opened and re-

counted. Of course this request was com

plied with, but it did not alter the former

result. No decided steps were taken, how-

ever, on that evening. But on Saturday the examination was continued. Mr. Coleman

closely. Soon after the package was found

Coleman asked the Board if they needed

him any further, and withdrew from the

room, as they supposed, to await their call;

COULD NOT BE FOUND.

with the rough statement alluded to above,

and it was soon found that on the 11th of

November, 1873, there was a discrepancy.

Closer investigation developed the fact that

false entry had been made upon the books

on that date. The pretended transaction of

that day indicated the purchase of \$8,100

worth of bonds for \$8,190. By holding

up the book to the light Colonel

been scratched out from before the 8.

that the actual purchase that should have

been entered was \$18,100, and the account

from the Planters Bank, where the purchase

was made, agreed with the Treasurer's war-

After the adjournment of the Board that

Broad street, and Coleman said, "Well, Colonel, what was the result?" Colonel

Mayo told him of the altered entry and the

discrepancy of the vouchers, and Coleman

"I DID THAT, COLONEL; "

and after a piuse added, "What am I to

do?" He was advised to replace the bonds

at once, but said he could not do it. He

then turned back and walked with Colonel

Mayo to the Richmond Club-House, en

Franklin street, where their conversation

was continued a short time, and Colonel

Mayo was : bout to leave, when Mr. Cole-

GOOD-BYE, COLONEL, I DON'T RECEON I SHALL

SEE YOU AGAIN.

know I shall be disgraced, as an investiga-

some blame to be thrown upon you and

Yesterday morning the members of the

Board called at Governor Kemper's office,

and there it was decided to cause the arrest

of Coleman and an examination before a

In pursuance of this plan a warrant was

issued by Justice White upon the complaint

of Colonel Joseph Mayo, Jr., General Asa

Rogers, and Mr. William F. Taylor, charging

that William D. Coleman "did unlawfully

of the Second Auditor of the State of

Virginia, purporting to be an entry of the

purchase by the Beard of Commissioners of

the Sinking Fund of Virginia of coupon

bonds to the amount of \$8,000, with intent

to defraud," and fixing 12 o'clock to-day for

the examination of the case at the bar of the

This warrant was placed in the hands

of Detective Pat. Woods at about 7

P. M. yesterday to be served upon

the accused, and he went at once

to the Imboden House, on Capitol street

where Mr. Coleman boards. He knocked

at the door of his room, and Coleman,

upon opening it, said : " Halloo, Pat! How

are you? I know what you come for.'

Wood said: "Never mind, if you are too

unwell to go with me I'll stay with you."

Coleman said: "No you wont," or words

to that effect, and turning away took up a

upon his face. While the officer was look-

ing around the room to see if there were any weapons with which his prisoner could

STABBED HIMSELP

The record of warrants was compared

but when sought

rapt.

man said:

General Rogers.

Police Court.

made (Mr. Coleman being present), and

to the sinking fund. The commissioner

that having been traced to

his integrity as an officer.

propriated any bonds, but

vestigation at once.

evil forebodings.

ntemperance and the use of chloroform sken only a short time before. Dr. Coakley was immediately and rendered the required medical attention

PROMINENT YOUNG STATE OFFI. An empty four-ounce vial that had contained chloroform was found under the pillow, which it appears he purchased about 5 o'clock yesterday morning. The physician pronounces

THE WOUND NOT DANGEROUS, but thinks the accused will not be able to ppear for trial for several days, at least. The bonds alleged to have been abstracted were purchased last November by the Board THE PRISONER ATTEMPTS TO TAKE of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the State when they were somewhat reduced in price, and passed into the keeping of Mr. Coleman as secretary of the Board. These as well as other bonds of the same and a different character have accumulated, because there is no provision for their cancellation

when they come into the possession of the

State. So there are at least two hundred

thousand dollars' worth of bonds stowed

away at the capitol and not at all secure from abstraction by those who are familiar with the basement offices and the habits of their occupants.

THE BONDS THAT ARE MISSING are payable to bearer, and can, of course, be readily converted. Mr. Coleman held the positions of secreary of the Board of Public Works and of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and was not a bonded officer, though much money-value has been entrusted to his care since 1871, when he was appointed. Mr. Coleman occupied a high

on the editorial staff of the Richmond En-BROAD-STREET ASSOCIATION .- At a. meetng of the Broad-Street Association, held resterday evening, at Monticello Hall, Mr. Klein offered a resolution that the Association employ counsel in its behalf in the case of City of Richmond vs. Richmond, Frede-

osition in the community both as to family

and personal character, and was at one time

ricksburg and Potomec Railroad Company; which was adopted. On motion of Mr. Klein, Hou. James Lyons was employed. On motion of Mr. P. E. Dupuy, W. P.

Burwell, Esq., and J. S. Wise, Esq., were appointed to act with Mr. Lyons. The Association adjourned to meet at Monticello Hall on Monday evening at baifpast 5 o'clock. LEG BROKEN.-About 7 o'clock on Sunday

morning, while one of the little orphan girls,

named Byrns, of St. Joseph.'. Asylum, corner of Fourth and Marshall streets, was standing on a chair trying to hoi-t a window in the second story, it suddenly flew upwards, causing her to picca out in the street, and breaking her left leg. She was otherwise badly bruised. SUDDEN DEATH .- Mr. David M. Rose (aged

street near Twelfth, died suddenly last night . about 9 o'clock of heart disease. SUPREME COURT .- The judges of the Su-

bout twenty years), who lived on Main

preme Court were in conference yesterday. POLICE COURT, MONDAY-Justice While .-

Fines were imposed as follows: A. Spies, for an assault upon George Richard Winston (negro), for using insult-

found a \$1,000 bond. This seemed to reing language to W. S. Catlett, \$1. Sent to jail : James Murphy, for drunkenness, ten days; Philip Garnett (negro), as-Afterward, Colonel Joseph Mayo found saulting Martha Garnett, thirty days. John H. Davis (negro), charged with au in the safe under a pile of old papers a packassault upon Claiborne Smith with an axe, handwriting and containing four \$1,000 was sent on to the grand jury. bends and four \$100 bonds. As this carried

PERSONAL .- Police Justice White has sufficiently recovered his bealth to resume business upon the bench. L. R. Page, Esq, City Attorney, being sick, the city cases upon the docket at the

Circuit Court were postponed yesterday. Judge Ould stated in the House of Delegates yesterday that, having occasion recently to have some depositions taken in a county near Richmond, he found there was not a justice of the peace in the county referred to

who could read and write. Mr. Frank Barry, president of the State Bank at Wilmington, Del., and Messrs. Charles T. and E. T. Warren, of Wilmington, are in the city on a visit.

INTERMEDIATE CELEBRATION .- The inter-Mayo discovered that a figure had mediate celebration of the Philologian and Mu Sigma Rho Societies at Richmond College will take place on Friday evening, Feb-Comparing this with the warrant, it seemed ruary 20th, at 8 o'clock. Orator from Philologian Society, J. C. Hobson, Richmond, Va. Debaters: Affirmative, T. F. Bagby, Virginia; negative, H. C. Hawthorne. Orator from Mu Sigma Rho Society, E. D. Meredith, Richmond, Va. Committee: W. D. night Colonel Mayo met Mr. Coleman on Groton, New York; R. H. Rawls, James Lyons, Jr., C. E. Nicol, W. O. Thomas, R. R. Acree, C. G. Bell, T. M. Alderson, O. C. Peyton, G. W. Carter, R. H. Pitt, S. F. Taylor, Virginia.

> RELIEF COMMITTEE. The regular weekly meeting of the Supply Committee for the Relief of the Poor was held at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday afternoon. It was reported that during the week ending February 7th there were 516 families supplied with rations and 125 families with fuel. There were a great many demands upon them that could not be supplied for want of means.

RICHMOND POST-OFFICE February 9, 1874.-M. L. Gearrant, Esq., Linwood Hotel, Richmond, Va.; Mr. J. R. Hockaday, commission merchant, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Laura L. Row (care of Winn & Temple), Tunica Lodge, West Feliciana porish, Louisiana. THE TOBACCO INTEREST .- The representa-

UNMAILABLE LETTERS REMAINING IN THE

tives of the tobacco interest will hold a meetng for consultation, in the hall of the House of Delegates, on Wednesday at 71 o'clock Tax on Liquor .- A meeting of the whole-

sale grocers and liquor-dealers is to be held at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce and feloniously forge a certain entry upon a this afternoon for the purpose of considering record warrant-book belonging to the office | the bill now before the General Assembly in relation to the stamp-tax on liquor.

> GERMAN POLITICAL CLUB. - There is to be meeting of the German Political Club tonight at No. 1703 Main street.

THE CONSERVATIVES OF MARSHALL WARD will hold a meeting at their club-house at & o'clock this evening.

MANCHESTER ITEMS.

Church Norms.—Rev. J. Julius Samms who succeeds the Rev. J. H. Hammond as pastor of the Meade Memorial church. preached his first sermon on Sunday at 11 A. M. The reverend gentleman is from Greensville, S. C., and comes recommended as an able and zealous divine, and one in every way fitted to supply the pace of the glass supposed to contain water, and after late incumbent.

In consequence of the inciement weather, the meeting of the Methodist Sabbath-School Union was postponed to the second Sunday A large congregation attended the union prayer-meeting at Belle Isle, under the auspices of the Methodist Missionary So-

ciety at that place. on the right side of the neck with a small The usual inter pen-knife, inflicting a punctured wound in at all of the other churches.

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOL Beverley A. Harris public: E. R. Woodson, Appomattox; D. The officer saw the movement, but too fax.

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